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उपसभापति : आप बैठिए।

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The motion was adopted.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS— Contd.

III. Re. signing of the I.N.F. treaty in Washington on December 8, 1987, between General Secretary Gorbachev and President Reagan

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): Madam Deputy Chairman, on 9-12-1987, P.M. made a statement in both the Houses of Parliament on the signing in Washington on 8-12-1987, of the INF Treaty between General Secretary Gorbachev and President Reagen. In response to requests for certain clarifications in the Rajya Sabha, P M. assured the House that a comprehensive statement would be made shortly. I am making this statement in fulfilment of that assurance.

The Treaty provides for the elimination of all land-based intermediate and short-range nuclear missiles hav-